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Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

Thursday
14 February 2019

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Thursday 14 February

☀ P&C Meeting - 7:00pm

Monday 18 February

☀ LNC Girls Cricket

Tuesday 19 February

☀ Years 1-6 Parent Information
 Afternoon
 Stage 1 - 4:00pm
 Stage 2 - 4:45pm
 Stage 3 - 5:30pm

Wednesday 20 February

☀ LNC Swimming Carnival -
 Kempsey

Thursday 28 February

☀ Debating Workshop

Tuesday 5 March

☀ Year 6 to Wauchope High
 School

Wednesday 6 March

☀ North Coast Swimming
 Carnival - Murwillumbah

Wednesday 20 March

☀ Netball State Cup

Friday 22 March

☀ K/1/2 Glasshouse Excursion

Class Formation

We submitted our numbers to the Department of Education last week. Our School population is 702 students. I am still waiting for official confirmation re our staffing entitlement for 2019. However, we are confident we will be able to maintain our current class structure. We are creating two extra classes to support our students and reduce class sizes particularly in Years 3-6 from school funds.

Until we receive written confirmation from the Department our classes will still be classified as tentative. Following is a list of Term 1 staff for 2019.

KDB	Mr Darren Beard
KBL	Miss Lauren Boswell
KJL	Mrs Janet Lovett
KLB	Mrs Lisa Barnett
KKB	Mrs Kathryn Bailey
K/6KD	Ms Karen Davis/ Mrs Michelle Gayle
K/6RF	Miss Rebecca Faith
K/6AP	Mrs Anne Puchert
K/6BC	Mrs Rebecca Cole
1MM	Ms Michelle Millard
1KB	Mrs Kerry Burn
1MT	Miss Michelle Taylor
1PH	Miss Peta Humphreys
2LF	Mrs Lisa Falk

2HL	Ms Deb Hurrell
2JH	Mrs Joanne Hansard
2CD	Mrs Cindy Dignum
K/6SR	Mrs Shannon Ramm
K/6JG	Mr James Grech
3KD	Mrs Katrina Daly
3VH	Miss Vanessa Hollis
3VM	Mrs Vicki Muir
3/4AD	Mrs Amanda Darcy
4DW	Mr David Warburton
4LR	Mrs Lee-a Rock
4MJ	Mr Martin Jenssen
5MG	Ms Margaret Gardner
5EM	Mrs Erin Moore
5NP	Mrs Natalie Pepperell
5/6CW	Miss Catherine Whiteoak
5/6CG	Mr Chris Geary
6SG	Mrs Sharon Gowan
6MN	Mr Mitchell Nicholson
6JB	Mrs Julie Best

Release From Face to Face (RFF): Mr Jigh Sallustio, Miss Nikki Woolner, Miss Kyara Stennett, Mrs Fiona Brassey and Mrs Michelle Gayle.

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Danielle Wheatley.

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST): Mrs Karen O'Reilly and Mrs Sharon Randall.

Literacy/Numeracy Focus

Parent Information Afternoon

These meetings for Years 1-6 will be held on Tuesday 19 February in Week 4.

Parents will congregate in the hall and be introduced to the staff on that Stage and listen to a variety of staff, discuss programs and activities for 2019. Parents will then briefly visit the classroom and complete a student information form about their child. Three way meetings will be trialled this year at mutually agreed times throughout the year. This will involve the student, parent/carer and teacher. We believe all parties will benefit from this approach.

At the conclusion of the Stage 1 and 2 session parents are invited to have a light afternoon tea in the library to mingle with the teachers and other parents. Stage 3 will start their session at 5:10pm at the afternoon tea and move to the hall for a 5:30 start.

4:00pm – Stage 1

4:45pm – Stage 2

5:10pm – Stage 3

Special Education will host their session on an alternative date and will receive a separate invitation.

Kindergarten teachers will host parent meetings later in the term as the teachers and parents have already touched base during the Best Start Assessments.

Teachers: Mrs Lyn McWhirter, Mrs Kelly Newell and Mrs Katie Bulley.

School Learning Support Officers (SLSO): Mrs Sue Hollis, Ms Lisa White, Mr Brad Baxter, Mrs Gayle Henry, Mrs Tania Williams, Ms Debbie Johnson, Mrs Donna Anthony, Mrs Elaine Andrews, Mrs Jean Gayed, Mr John Gayed, Mrs Kaela Croft, Mrs Annie Oakley Bull, Mrs Rochelle Elliot, Mrs Toni Foster, Mrs Sheila McDougall, Mrs Michelle Smith, Mr Jordan Best, Mrs Cathy Williams and Mr Corey Richardson.

HUB Teachers: Mrs Ellie Woolnough, Mrs Michelle Gayle and Mrs Sharon Randall.

School Counsellors: Ms Gemma Sanchez and Ms Bernadette Gordon.

School Administrative Staff (SAS staff): Mrs Sue Bourke, Mrs Michelle Kelly, Mrs Kylie Schofield and Mrs Julie Moore.

Technology/Website/Newsletter: Mr Jens Lindner.

Aboriginal Education Officer: Aunty Maree Hutchison

General Assistant: Mr Mark Hurrell

Cleaners: John and Rhonda

Assistant Principals:
 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Mr Darren Beard
 Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) – Miss Michelle Taylor
 Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) – Mrs Amanda Darcy
 Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) - Mrs Sharon Gowan
 Special Education (K-6) – Mrs Anne Puchert

Deputy Principals: Mr Richard Thomas (K-2) and Mrs Kate Buczko (3-6)

Principal: Mr Cameron Osborne

Swimming Carnival



This was a sensational day of fun, competition and participation. The ability to swim is massively important and I was impressed with the talents of many of our children.



I do want to congratulate the boys and girls who entered races. It was very impressive to see so many children trying their best. I want to point out that we did have swimming judges monitoring correct stroke, correct finish etc. However, as we are encouraging participation we don't necessarily tell every child who was disqualified as we are mindful of children's self-esteem. Basically, we want our children to be having fun. The drawback in doing this is that we run the risk of a child thinking they won a race and believing they will receive a ribbon.

Ribbons will be presented at school in the near future.

Please visit our [website](#) to see more fantastic swimming photos.

Congratulations to the following age champions and runners up. You are very talented!

Jnr Boys	Axl P
Jnr Boys Runner Up	Toby N

Visitors to the school

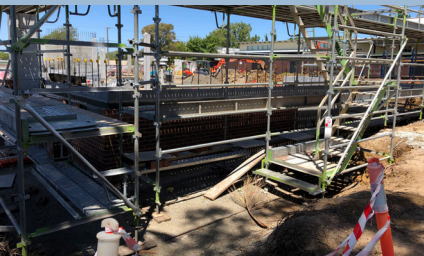
If you need to give your child money, lunch or a message during school time please go to the front office and they will organise for the item to be delivered. It is not appropriate for adults to be in the playground during school time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

SRC Donation



Thanks to the 2018 SRC for donating this Buddy Bench. Thank you to Laurieton Mens Shed for creating

Major Capital Works



11yr Boys	Zac L
11yr Boys Runner Up	Trent T
Snr Boys	Will N
Snr Boys Runner Up	Max C
Jnr Girls	Olivia H
Jnr Girls Runner Up	Brydee C
11yrs Girls	Jaime F
11yrs Girls Runner Up	Zoey S
Snr Girls	Tiana D
Snr Girls Runner Up	Evie G



Thank you to the parent volunteers and the WPS staff for all their efforts. Special congratulations go to Mrs Best, Mr Sallustio and Mr Geary for their excellent organisation.

Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at this carnival yesterday. The Lower North Coast swimming carnival is next Wednesday 20 February at Kempsey.

Boys:

Riley M, Byron M, Charlie P, Wyatt T, Flynn D, Axl P, Noah L, Toby N, Nathaniel W, Zac L, Tarj G, Tyler J, Trent T, Lachlan L, Max C, Nash M, Darcy B, Bailey A, Harrison L, William N and Jai J

Girls

Elle-Lee P, Charlee P, Brydee C, Hayley J, Matilda A, Cassidy L, Alena D, Dakota M, Olivia H, Emmalee P, Lily S, Lacie M, Tayha P, Aliya L-L, Zoey S, Abby H, Jaime F, Anna R, Lily B, Charlotte H, Brianna B, Bonnie C, Chloe R, Tiana D and Evie G.

Class Supplies

Thank you to the families who have paid for the Class Supplies so promptly. We really appreciate it. Please ensure payment is made for the Class Supplies at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance.

Grade Planning Days

Over the next few weeks every grade will have a planning day to prepare activities, programs, assessments and undertake professional learning. I'm alerting parents to this so you know why casual teachers may be on your child's class for a day.

Expectations For The New Year

The back to school season is a good time to consider what you expect of your children. Having expectations that are high—yet also realistic—is essential for school success. Think of a balloon. If there's no air (like no expectations), it's flat. If you put in too much air (expectations that are too high and impossible to meet), the balloon bursts. Finding the right balance of expectations will stretch children to grow without frustrating them.

Help children develop predictable routines around waking up, getting ready for the day, eating nutritious meals, taking care of their bodies, going to bed at a regular time, and getting enough sleep. Children are more likely to be successful when their routines help them thrive.

School Activity Permission Notes and Payment - **IMPORTANT**

This year we will have a new process for School Activities and excursions. Permission notes and money must be paid in full, one week prior to the excursion or event. As usual, if you are experiencing financial hardship you may contact Mr Osborne to organise a payment plan well before notes and payments are due.

The reason for this is for the safety and wellbeing of the students attending the activity.

Activity/Excursion organisers complete a risk assessment for every excursion. We have many students who require adjusted supervision, medication or care. One week's knowledge of exactly who is attending the activity gives school staff time to ensure SLSO's have been reallocated, work is prepared and appropriate supervision is planned for those students not attending etc.

Parents/Caregivers will have to organised to make payment and return permission notes one week prior to all events. Teachers will remind students regularly.

We are committed to establishing and maintaining the safest procedures aligned to the Department of Education policies for the wellbeing of our students.

For excursions that have limited numbers we send out a notification to advise when payment/deposit will be required. This ensures all students have an equal opportunity to attend these events.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Build on your children's interests. They're more likely to meet high expectations when they're doing things they enjoy.

Talk with your children about the goals you've set and achieved in your life. Explain how you overcame obstacles to meet your goals.

Expect bumps along the way. Achieving high expectations is not like climbing a ladder where each step is a step up. Expect setbacks and doubts. They're all part of the process. The key is to work through the difficulties along the way.

Encourage children to grow and develop at their own pace. Don't compare your child to other children. Some are early walkers. Some are late walkers. Both are normal. Follow your child's lead.

Watch out for pressures that you place on your child because of your preferences rather than your child's needs. For example, not all sports-mad parents are going to have sports-mad children.

Give young children extra time to practise new things. Expect the process to be bumpy and slow. Be encouraging and don't expect perfection.

Have high expectations for homework and schoolwork. Make it easier for your children to do their homework every day by sitting next to them. You can do your own project or work and be available for questions.

Help children break large, difficult tasks into smaller, more manageable tasks. This is called 'chunking' and can build confidence as they achieve each part.

Find activities that get your

children excited. Encourage them to set goals and to have fun at the same time.

Healthy Eating

The Cancer Council NSW has a fantastic website: healthylunchbox.com.au.

On the website you will find snack ideas, sandwich alternatives, recipes, tips and easy healthy swaps for those common lunch box items that are not the best for our kids. Parents can also get their kids involved in choosing lunch box foods they will actually eat and enjoy using the interactive healthy lunch box builder.

What's New

Since we launched the website last year we have some exciting new features, content and recipes.

☀ Recipes – we regularly add new seasonal recipes for snacks, sandwich alternatives and sandwich filling ideas, find them here.

☀ Healthy lunch box examples – each term we add a new packed healthy lunch box examples.

☀ Lunch Box Builder – parents can plan a healthy lunch box with their children using the new builder items.

☀ Videos – some of our recipes now feature short videos showing the simple steps to creating the meal.

☀ Search – you can now search for recipes by name or ingredients and quickly find the information and tips you are looking for.

☀ Print recipes – it's now easier to print recipes for safe keeping.

Cameron Osborne

Safe Play



Safe Play is a quiet option for our students to make social connections and enjoy creative play during break times. Ms Millard loves to take the infants Safe Play students to the garden where they can play with dolls, dinosaurs and trucks amongst the leaves in the shade. Primary students can enjoy craft, art, board games and other quiet games during Safe Play which runs during their break times too. Students wishing to join safe play can meet at the smiley face signs near the primary silver seats. If you have any toys or games in good condition that you would like to donate for our Safe Play sessions please leave a message with the office and Mrs Buczko will be in touch.



P&C News

P&C Meeting Invitation

February 14 will be the first P&C meeting for 2019. Come along at 7:00pm in the staffroom off Waugh Street and join in the planning for events for 2019. Everyone is welcome, new parents/carers, family and community members. If you have an idea or suggestion bring it along and meet a welcoming group of supportive parents and community members working hard to make our school a better place. Any enquiries or to find out more about the P&C or volunteering with the P&C, please call Sarsha Walker on 0400 535 842.

Canteen News

Reminder

All children who are **Gluten Free** or have **Food Allergies** and order their lunch from the school canteen must use **Red Lunch Bags**. These bags can be picked up from the school canteen free of charge. Please state the allergy your child has and circle it on the bag. These lunches do not go out in the class lunch tubs. Your child has to pick it up from the canteen at lunch time. Any questions regarding this matter please ask for Ruth at the canteen to explain the procedure we use.

WAUCHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU					
BREAKFAST		RECESS		HOT FOOD	
Toast	\$1.00	Muffin	\$1.00	Pies	\$3.80
Sipsh Saws	\$2.00	Finger Buns	.30	Jar pie	\$3.00
Cereal	\$1.50	Garlic Bread	.50	Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
Fruit	\$1.50	Hash Brown	\$1.30	Nuggets	\$3.50
Yoghurt squeeze	\$2.00	Breads--	\$1.50	Hot Dog	\$3.00
Crispy fruits	\$2.00	Pizza, Cheese, Chicken/Garlic		+ sauce	\$3.40
Up & Go	\$2.50	Chips	\$1.50	+ cheese	\$3.50
Juice	.50	Popcorn	\$2.00	Chicken Wedges	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	\$2.50	Yoghurt squeeze	\$2.00		
		Yoghurt pop	\$1.50		
				Tomato & BBQ sauce	.40c
				Nuggets & chicken wedges	cannot be ordered on a Friday!
ICYPOLES					
Lunchtime only					
Prices range from					
\$.50c - \$2.20					
PIZZAS					
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50				
Hawaiian	\$3.50				
Meat lovers	\$4.00				
Pepperoni	\$3.50				
TOASTIES					
Cheese	\$3.50				
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00				
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.50				
Cheese & tomato	\$4.00				
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50				
		DRINKS			
		Frozen drink	\$2.00	Nuggets	\$4.00
		Water	\$1.00	Pies	\$6.00
		Up & Go	\$2.50	Vegetable lasagna	\$6.50
		Flavoured milk	\$2.50	Beef lasagna	\$6.50
		Popper	\$2.00	Macaroni cheese	\$6.50
		Glee	\$2.70	Vege Chips	\$1.50

WOOSH News

The WPS P&C Association are excited to announce the trial opening of WOOSH before school care. Officially opening from 6.30am to 8.30 from 11 February 2019 weekdays during school terms. The centre will provide breakfast for all students attending consisting of toast/cereal/ milk/ juice. Qualified educators will supervise indoor play / homework until 8am and outdoor play until 8.30am before students being guided to the playground. Spaces are limited to only 30 students and we are already 1/3 full already.

To find out more or book a position, please Call Alex on 0412 852 441. The P&C greatly thank families for supporting WOOSH and hope the school community will use our new before school care service.

Before School Care

- 6:30am - Centre opens
- Children are signed in by parents/Carers
- 1 Educator to greet and settle the children into the centre, Coordinator to discuss any current concerns with the parents/ Carers then assist the Educator.
- Children will remain inside during the early hour
- Morning ABC Kids TV programs available to the children or passive indoor activities provided.
- Prior to breakfast, Woosh will acknowledge country paying respect to the Birpai people present on which the Woosh centre takes place.
- 1 Educator will prepare breakfast for the children whilst the 2nd person will supervise the children at the tables.
- A "Basic Breakfast" will be provided; consisting of cereal, toast with basic spreads of butter/margarine, vegemite, honey or jam. Glass of milk, juice or water on offer.
- Washing up and cleaning of the kitchen carried out whilst children continue with indoor activities.
- Educators to supervise children in dental care- cleaning their teeth and washing their hands.
- 8:00am any child wishing to play outside can do so from 8am.
- All Woosh children will be supervised up at the 3-6 play equipment/basketball court area.
- 8:20am children to return to the Woosh room, Wash their hands, toilet.
- 8:30am children released to their specified areas of the school to start their day.



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Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Cameron Osborne

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Principal



Community News



ITS BACK! THE WAUCHOPE SWIMMING CLUB BUSINESS HOUSE RELAY NIGHT FRIDAY THE 1st OF MARCH, 2019

A fun community event that sees our local personalities up against each other & the clock...all in the spirit of fun, friendship & fundraising for the Wauchope Swimming Club.



It's a handicap event the whole family can be part of or make up a team of 4 from your work place, club, gym or school. Your 1st swim of the night will be your "Entry Time" and you can swim, dog paddle or use any aid you like...as long as you swim close to your nominated time you may come out a winner!!!

You can swim in flippers, full scuba gear or pink fairy outfit, it's your choice.... gather your team and come along!!

DASH FOR \$100 Voucher for the King & Queen of the pool for the fastest 50m dash!
Raffles, BBQ hot food and drinks available
Bring your laughing gear!!

Entry forms available at Wauchope pool.

Team entry fee \$60 or \$50 early bird by 01/02/19 or \$40 for teams of club members or teams of school kids. Dash for Cash fee \$10 must be in a relay team.

For all enquiries: email wauchope-swimmingclub@outlook.com or visit Wauchope Swimming Club Facebook Site



Travelling Bowlers Community Bowls Day Sunday, February 24th, 2019

Please come and have fun and help a very worthwhile Port Macquarie organisation, Sailability NSW Inc. Port Macquarie branch



Time: 8.00am Breakfast
9.00am Bowling
12.30pm Lunch
Cost: \$15.00 per person - Includes everything including bowls if needed.

There will be a huge raffle and a large number of items for auction on the day.
All proceeds to Sailability NSW, Port Macquarie Branch.

Don't miss it, this will be a fun day rain or shine.

For Catering Purposes Please Contact:

Freya Luick - Sailability - 6584 6765 - freyaluick@inet.com.au, by Friday February 15 or sign up at the club.


Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

The Wauchope PS swimming team represented our school with distinction on Wednesday 13 February at the district carnival. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and team spirit were outstanding! Congratulations to all our swimmers on their effort and determination throughout the day. The team relays are always an exciting event at the end of the day and our Wauchope teams did not disappoint. The junior boys came away with

a convincing first place and both our senior boys and girls teams came third. A special congratulations to Axl P who was Junior Boy Age Champion. This year we have a number of students who qualified in either individual events or the relays for the Lower North Coast carnival to be held in Kempsey next Wednesday. Congratulations to the following students: Byron M, Flynn D, Axl P, Noah L, Toby N, Nathaniel W, Zac L, Max C, Will N, Charlotte H, Tiana D, Bonnie C and Evie G.



Community News



Fact sheet
PARENTAL CONTROL: Apple iOS 7

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What devices are iOS parental controls available on? iOS 7 Parental control features

Parental controls can be enabled on any device running Apple's iOS operating system. This includes iPhones, iPads, and iPods.

What controls do restrictions provide on iOS devices?
Restrictions allow you to control what content is accessible from an iOS device, prevent the removal of existing apps, and prevent the modification of existing settings. Restrictions are protected by a four digit passcode. If the passcode is not known then the only way to disable restrictions is by performing a factory restore on the device, erasing the data stored on the device. The restrictions feature is suited for devices that are primarily used by a minor, for example a child's mobile phone. They are less suited towards shared devices, or parents devices that are only used by children occasionally. For these devices use Guided Access mode - see next page for details.

What restrictions can I place on my child's device?
Apple's iOS software allows parents great flexibility in scripting access on their child's device including restricting app downloads, limiting access to particular websites and restricting the use of some built-in apps.

To ensure that restrictions are set for the correct content make sure 'Ratings for' is set to 'Australia' (See Image B).

Restricting access can be extremely helpful to ensure your child is not exposed to inappropriate content, however keeping open lines of communication with your children around responsible internet usage is essential.

How do I setup parental controls on an iOS device?

- Settings > General > Restrictions > Enable Restrictions
- From the devices home screen, tap the Settings icon.
- From the settings menu, tap the General tab.
- Tap Restrictions from within the General tab.
- Tap Enable Restrictions.

You will then be able to enable individual restrictions by toggling pre-installed app access, and by tapping various categories, and choosing the desired restriction level for that category.



For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

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Wauchope High School



Tuesday 5th March..... Bago Schools Day for Year 7 2020

- Year 6 2019 students spend the day at Wauchope High School visiting the Ag farm, taking a science class to perform an experiment, attend a cooking class and much more, lunch will be provided.

Thursday 14th March...Year 5 & 6 Twilight Tour 5pm - 6pm

- Year 10 Peer Support Leaders will take parents and students on a guided tour of our school, visiting faculty displays, the Ag Farm and much more.

Thursday 14th March.....Thelma the Unicorn 6pm to 7pm

- An open invitation to enjoy a theatrical extravaganza, follow Thelma's adventures as this drama production takes you on a tour of the school, and, oh yes, there is food along the journey. We will be showcasing not only our school but our fabulous students and staff.

Spend a little time at your local high school, you will be pleasantly surprised.

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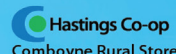
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School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

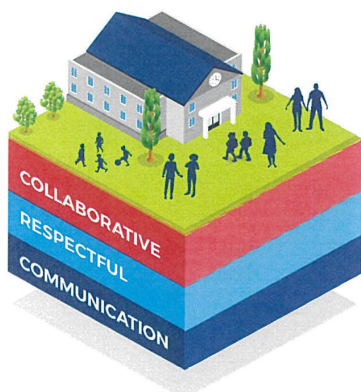
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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